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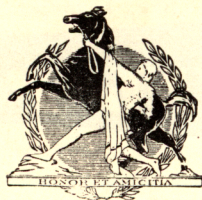


## ***Australia Wins First League Test, 37-12***

*Running up a record total against England, the Australian Rugby League team won the first test of the series convincingly. Game was played at the Sydney Cricket Ground on June 13th, and was watched by quite a number of members.*

(Photo., courtesy The Sun)





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## KEEPING POSTED

**M**ORE congratulations are in order for Bon and Charles Eastment! Their horse, Gallant Archer, crowned his successes at Brisbane for them when he won the Moreton Handicap at Eagle Farm on 20th June. Seventh into the straight and six lengths from the leader, the gallant son of Delville Wood got up to gain the decision by a nose from New Zealander Paper Strip. In his Brilliant win, Gallant Archer set a new record for the course and for Australia, by running the 11 furlongs in 2.15½, ably ridden by Darby Munro in one of his famous "fighting finishes." Now the Eastment brothers are trying to ensure that they will have other top performers coming up in the years to come—they recently bought Karen, a filly by Midstream from Rosa Fe; and another Delville Wood colt out of Best Wishes.

**W**ORD from Arthur Norton from London says that he is thoroughly enjoying every minute of his English holiday.

**A** DISTINGUISHED member is Frank Lysons, steward of the Wellington Racing Club in New Zealand and a councillor of the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association. He was in the news over the other side of the Tasman a month or so ago, when he paid top price at their National Yearling Sales to secure a bay colt by Timanova out of Screen. Two thousand, eight hundred guineas—New Zealand guineas—is a lot of money, and members will join in wishing Frank the best of good fortune. It would be pleasant to think that, in a year or two's time, he would be coming over here again in charge of a champion.

**Q**UITE a few members made the annual pilgrimage to Brisbane for the Doomben and the Brisbane Cup—not that any excuse is really needed for a visit to sunny Queensland this time of year. One member who

has travelled North to follow the sun is H. W. Magill, but in his case the reason is to recuperate after an illness rather than to attend the racing.

**A**NOTHER fortunate member off on a tour is Herc McIntyre, currently reported in America.

**P**ARTICULARLY welcome around the Club again is W. Dalley, back on his feet after his recent illness.

**S**EVERAL members recently in hospital are now well on the mend: Among them—A. G. Connolly, back at home now.

**M**ORE news of Adolph Basser: currently with Don Wilson in Zurich, he writes that, despite the long-priced winners of the Derby and some of the other English classics, he is still a "little ahead."

### EDITORIAL: Your Club—and You

*Your club is a place with which you should have more than nodding acquaintance; with which you should have intimate association.*

*How? By forming your own friendships, by promoting goodwill among the club fellowship and by making the club your social headquarters. If it is worth being a member it is worth living up to the obligations of membership. Mainly these are to observe the rule of sportsmanship, to offer suggestions for the betterment of any department, and to do your entertaining, meaning your spending, in club.*

*Revenue is an important item in these times of high costs, and the committee looks to members to supplement the sum of their subscriptions by entertaining friends at luncheon, dinner or a social drink. Talk of your propositions in club and top it off with a refresher.*

*Your club is out to do everything possible for you, and it is for you to do everything possible for your club. So, next time you invite a friend to have a drink, or to luncheon or dinner, be sure to add: "Meet me at Tattersall's Club."*



## Happy Birthday to You!

### JULY

- |                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 John Fox         | 15 W. M. Gollan    |
| 2 G. J. Aitken     | R. C. Chapple      |
| 3 S. J. Spencer    | A. J. Chown        |
| No'an              | N. Eglese          |
| 4 J. H. Abbs       | W. F. Furlong      |
| W. F. Peters       | K. W. Asprey       |
| Clifford Bunce     | 16 W. I. Hill      |
| 5 S. M. Hughes     | 17 W. E. Askew     |
| L. D. Noakes       | F. W. Houston      |
| S. G. Hume         | 18 E. A. Halcroft  |
| R. L. Brittain-    | Ralph Henry        |
| White              | 19 A. H. Stocks    |
| 6 R. S. Bracken    | R. H. Darch        |
| B. Carrier         | W. K. Garnsey      |
| 7 R. Concannon     | 20 K. F. E. Fidden |
| W. D. Lawson       | 22 G. N. Storey    |
| Dr. J. D. Rus-     | R. C. Spurrett     |
| sell               | 23 G. E. Baulman   |
| R. J. Collins      | 25 R. E. North-    |
| 8 D. W. Pye        | Ash                |
| J. M. Burnett      | 26 E. J. Thorn     |
| Geo. Christie      | F. W. Spring       |
| C. F. Horley       | 27 J. R. Colqu-    |
| 9 A. L. Finn       | houn               |
| 10 B. B. Stapleton | J. B. Carlton      |
| J. Abraham         | J. Gunton          |
| C. A. Gray         | R. G. Irving       |
| 11 J. T. Willson   | J. C. Rhind        |
| S. C. Sinclair     | 28 L. J. Maidment  |
| R. H. Barnett      | Archer Whitford    |
| 12 R. M. Cameron   | C. J. Shepherd     |
| Dan Casey          | A. A. Gregory      |
| L. J. Nealer       | F. J. Phillips     |
| F. A. Schmel-      | 29 R. C. Cooley    |
| itschek            | 30 R. Mead         |
| 14 H. W. Reilly    | R. F. Garnsey      |
| A. A. Geeves       | J. C. McCor-       |
|                    | mack               |
|                    | H. T. A. Doran     |

### AUGUST

- |                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 S. J. Fox        | 18 Professor J. D. |
| R. V. Curtin       | Stewart.           |
| J. S. Hansor       | L. J. Hooker       |
| C. L. McFadyen     | 19 C. E. Blanksby  |
| 2 Alfred Gott      | 20 H. G. Whittle   |
| 3 L. J. Abrahams   | 21 N. C. Malley    |
| T. Muir            | C. E. Chapman      |
| 4 W. L. P. Hind    | E. S. Petrie       |
| 6 P. B. Lusk       | B. A. J. Cald-     |
| J. L. Hughes       | well               |
| D. F. McCallum     | 22 P. B. Lindsay   |
| 7 A. T. Selman     | C. E. A. Bng-      |
| 9 D. Regis         | ham                |
| Flanagan           | 23 M. Tobin        |
| G. Fienberg        | F. McGrath         |
| 10 J. B. Saulwick  | 24 C. T. Ryan      |
| R. E. Mills        | Bernard Curran     |
| 11 L. Scott-Ehren- | 25 K. D. Francis   |
| berg               | W. G. Simpson      |
| J. W. Nicholas     | W. T. Kerr         |
| Clem Hill          | 26 J. G. Black-    |
| W. D. Thomp-       | wood               |
| son                | 27 D. A. McDonald  |
| 12 R. E. Chapple   | R. W. Smith-       |
| W. A. Walsh        | Gow                |
| J. H. Partridge    | William Nash       |
| 13 J. R. Gates     | W. R. Lambell      |
| 14 R. C. Nevill    | 28 Hon. A. A. Cal- |
| E. K. White        | well               |
| W. J. Walsh        | 29 Dr. H. Seamonds |
| A. Lash            | W. W. Killough     |
| Col. A. A.         | A. A. Cooper       |
| Walter             | E. F. Milverton    |
| 15 R. B. Hughes    | Thomas Flynn       |
| T. B. Garry        | 30 Arthur Langley  |
| C. M. Rose         | Dr. W. R. F. Fox   |
| S. Biber           | 31 Emil Sodersten  |
| 17 R. J. Hastings  | M. W. Po:son       |
| L. J. Sweeney      |                    |

Members are invited to notify the Secretary of the date of their Birthday.

**T**HE Billiards and Snooker Tournaments, now well into the second round, have provided the usual share of "up-sets." Playing particularly well this year, Fred Vockler came home by good margins in each of his games against Bill Longworth—they met, unusually enough, in both the billiards and the snooker. Hans Robertson, a candidate fancied by many, was unfortunately forced to withdraw from the series—he has been laid up with a broken leg. Other interesting games were George Mousally against Jack Davis in the snooker, with George taking the honours by 26. And the game between committeemen Arthur Miller and C. Oswald-Sealey, in which Arthur emerged ahead by a fair margin. The best is yet to come.

### COMMITTEEMAN Claude

Moore is back in the Club again, limping a trifle, but otherwise as good as new. He enjoyed the congratulations of many members on his return—not so much on account of the fact of his recovery, as on the wedding celebrated on Saturday, 26th June, between his son Peter and Miss Ann Stevens. It was very much a Club affair, as the new Mrs. Peter Moore is also the daughter of a Member, Mr. M. J. Stevens, and there has been quite a deal of convivial well-wishing.

**S**TAN CHATTERTON, writing to Tom Wallace from sunny Barcelona, sends his good wishes to all and sundry. He says that the "day" in Spain starts in the evening and finishes at dawn—so it may be presumed that he is having a thoroughly good time.

**A**S a reminder of the horse Playboy, which raced here with success, comes the news from England that Mrs. A. T. Norton is racing another "Playboy" there this season.

**W**ELCOME visitor — Guy Crick, down from Queensland.

**I**N case you have been confused by the rapid succession of the last three issues of this Magazine: It was recently decided to publish the Magazine at the beginning of each month, rather than toward the end. This has necessitated some readjustments in the dates of the notes of sporting activities—in future each Magazine will deal with the events of the previous month, right up-to-date as far as possible.

**L**EN PLASTO is not long back from leading a team of U.L.V.A. bowlers to Brisbane, where, at a reception, he made a few facetious remarks about the mixed bowls there, suggested that maybe women bowlers' fashions were a little out of date with lisle stockings and so on. Now he's been informed that the Queensland Women Bowlers' Association has formed a sub-committee to study dress, has, in all seriousness, appointed him honorary fashion adviser.

**Special Announcement**  
**DANCING**  
**AND CONCERT**  
**IN THE DINING ROOM**  
**ON SATURDAY,**  
**31st JULY, 1954.**

**6.30 to Midnight.**

Cover Charge, 5/- per head.

Table Reservations at the Office.



# HANDBALL



## 'Amounis' Competition Progresses Rapidly

The Handball Secretary, Peter Lindsay, is pleased to report that the members have co-operated very well to make a success of the new competition for the "Amounis" trophy, for which event our popular Committeeman, Ernie Vandenberg, has again donated the trophy. "Thanks a lot, Ernie!"

THERE were no surprises in the first round, although a couple of scratch men had very close calls. Eddie Davis seemed almost certain to lose to Trevor Barrell when behind 35-40, but he brought out the big artillery and managed to win 42-40. Congratulations to Trevor for a very fine effort. Harry Castles also pressed George McGilvray to lose 37-41. George had to go his hardest to avoid defeat.

Another good victory went to Col. Chatterton over Arthur McCamley, 41-29. Col. was always going like a winner. John Dexter had to do his very best to beat Malcolm Fuller, whilst Bill Kirwan could not get his "Big Serve" going against Neil Barrell and lost 33-41.

By the way, one of the most improved players on a long handicap is Neil Barrell. (Watch out, champs!)

Viv. Thicknesse and Gordon Boulton both gave their opponents a walk-over, but will be in action in the second round. Andy McGill keeps on winning—he defeated Fred Harvie. A loser who enjoyed his game was Ron Spencer who lost to Peter Lindsay 38-41, but had a great time losing—that's the spirit, Ron!

Cuth Godhard and Geoff Eastment had a good tussle, Geoff winning 41-35. Cuth is con-

centrating on swimming at the moment, so is not taking Handball too seriously, and Geoff is hard to beat, as he is on the crest of the wave at present. Two enthusiastic rivals in Zaide

Lazarus and Eric Thompson had a keen game. Zaide was much too steady at the finish and won 41-34. Geoff Laforest and Peter Williams, two of our younger men, were very keen, Geoff winning 41-31. Hard luck, Pete! You may get your revenge later on.

Olympic Swimming Manager, Bill Phillips was in good form to win over Edwin Penfold. Edwin is an old fox in these games and it takes a good man to beat him. A good effort, Bill!

Several second-round games have already been completed, the complete details of which will appear in our next issue. In the meantime, men, pick out your opponents and play your games! We want this event to be a big success and a quick competition.

### RESULTS OF FIRST ROUND —

Name	Handicap		Name	Handicap	Result
G. McGILVRAY	(Scratch)	defeated	H. CASTLES	(28)	41-37
B. PARTRIDGE	( " )	"	G. BOULTON	(22)	W.O.
E. E. DAVIS	( " )	"	T. BARRELL	(30)	42-40
P. LINDSAY	(10)	"	RON SPENCER	(28)	41-38
J. O. DEXTER	(10)	"	M. FULLER	(22)	41-35
A. MCGILL	(20)	"	F. HARVIE	(12)	41-37
NEIL BARRELL	(29)	"	W. KIRWAN	(22)	41-33
Z. LAZARUS	(15)	"	E. THOMPSON	(19)	41-34
C. CHATTERTON	(26)	"	A. McCAMLEY	(16)	41-29
G. EASTMENT	(18)	"	C. GODHARD	(28)	41-35
K. FRANCIS	(26)	"	V. THICKNESSE	(20)	W.O.
B. ADAMS	(28)	"	D. BLOOMFIELD	(24)	W.O.
G. LaFOREST	(30)	"	P. WILLIAMS	(27)	41-31
L. SILK	(28)	"	PETER HILL	(28)	W.O.
W. B. PHILIPS	(29)	"	E. PENFOLD	( )	41-31

### DRAW FOR SECOND ROUND —

#### TOP HALF

Name	Handicap		Name	Handicap
G. McGILVRAY	(Scratch)	v.	PETER LINDSAY	(10)
B. PARTRIDGE	( " )	v.	NEIL BARRELL	(29)
E. E. DAVIS	( " )	v.	A. MCGILL	(20)
J. O. DEXTER	(10)	v.	COL. CHATTERTON	(26)
Z. LAZARUS	(15)	v.	KEN FRANCIS	(26)
G. EASTMENT	(18)	v.	G. LaFOREST	(30)
B. ADAMS	(28)	v.	W. B. PHILIPS	(29)
L. A. SILK	(28)	v.	G. BOULTON	(22)

#### BOTTOM HALF

Name	Handicap		Name	Handicap
FRED HARVIE	(12)	v.	HARRY CASTLES	(28)
BILL KIRWAN	(22)	v.	TREVOR BARRELL	(30)
MALCOLM FULLER	(22)	v.	ERIC THOMPSON	(19)
RON SPENCER	(28)	v.	ARTHUR McCAMLEY	(16)
C. GODHARD	(28)	v.	E. PENFOLD	(26)
V. THICKNESSE	(20)	v.	PETER WILLIAMS	(27)



Extract from

# THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

at Annual General Meeting, June 9, 1954

**"We are far from being happy with the returns from the Trading Departments of the Club.**

It is a problem which has caused the Committee much worry and anxiety over a long period and since it is in the final result the problem of members, we place the matter fairly and squarely before you because we can do very little without your co-operation and support.

We feel that once members know the problem, their Club spirit and their sense of obligation and loyalty to the Club will prompt them to co-operate with us.

We are told by overseas, interstate and local visitors and by many members who are in a position to know, that there is no better service given in Sydney than what is available in our Dining Room, which is the department giving us the greatest concern.

We must depend entirely on members for whatever support we get and we must maintain a regular staff and incur substantial overhead expenses, whether members avail themselves of the services or not.

We regularly confer with our Catering Manager, have had many checks and a thoroughly independent investigation and I would like to read you the following extracts from the report we received.

## MAINTENANCE OF DINING FACILITIES

*"There is, without question, an obligation on the Committee to maintain reasonable dining facilities for members and it is a fact that these can only be availed of as a result of the patronage of members. Without this there would be no*

*use for the facilities, as the Club is not open to the public.*

*"It therefore follows that successful results are dependent very largely upon the use which members make of the facilities provided for them . . . Further examination of the figures shows great variations in daily attendances, which makes planning extremely difficult and this accentuated by the fact that the variations not only occur from day to day but also between the same day in various weeks. . . . A close examination of these figures should indicate one of the difficulties confronting the Committee, for it will be appreciated that there is an irreducible expenditure which cannot be avoided on each occasion either the Dining Room or Buffet is open for business.*

*"It is apparent that any plan to avoid making losses on catering must envisage a greater and more regular patronage by members of the facilities provided for them."*

We recognise that certain departments such as the Athletic Department should be subsidised and it always has been but the income of such departments should bear some reasonable relation to the cost of operating them.

We cannot hope to operate the Club on subscriptions only. Practically two-thirds of our income from this source is allocated to the payment of wages alone in the *non-trading* departments.

We feel that it is absolutely essential that the income of our Trading Departments should substantially increase and we are confident that you and the 2,100 members who are not here to-night will help us to achieve the desired object."





## IN AND OUT OF THE POOL

# ALL SQUARE—

## *and three to go!*

**Sounds like golf, but it's the present state in the Swimming Pool where Bob Harris and John Dexter are level with 169 points in the battle for the "Native Son" trophy point score which comprises all points scored during the season.**

**I**T'S a nice commentary on the keenness of the swimmers that two are level after thirty-three races with only three to be swum to end a highly successful 1953-54 season.

The tussle between these two is worth following. In February Dexter had his greatest lead, 13 points but in succeeding months Harris gradually cut the margin down to  $9\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ , and 1, and now they are level pegging with the odds strongly on Harris to take the big trophy.

Dexter can hardly be beaten for second but the battle for third place is terrific, Arthur McCamley being at present  $3\frac{1}{2}$  points ahead of Trevor Barrell, with Harold Herman half a point further astern,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  in front of Cuth Godhard.

Twenty-nine swimmers have scored more than forty points.

May-June point score went to Trevor Barrell, who thus scored his second monthly trophy. Bob Harris was second with Arthur McCamley third with eleven competitors following within five points.

Fred Daly has taken Don Wilson's title as "King of the Brace Relays," as he has won

the last two events of that kind, the first with Max Wayland as partner, breaking their handicap by two seconds and the next with Cuth Godhard, the duo breaking its time by three seconds.

Fred would be well in the running for the final trophy of the season, but we understand that he has to miss the last race, and that will probably ruin his chances.

Cuth Godhard has awakened to something a lot of us have known for some time. When he got to the front in races and noted a challenger coming up on him, he put everything he knew into keeping the lead and went slower by trying too hard and shortening his stroke.

Last two swims have seen him not trying so hard and keeping his natural stroke. Result was two wins.

Malcolm Fuller has never won a point score in his long association with the Club, but he isn't blaming the handicapper, as every time he's been in a winning position he has missed a vital race through his absence owing to business or some other such reason. Why let business interfere with sport, Malcolm?

Looks as if Clive Hoole's name will be missing from the trophy list this season for the first time for many years. Yet he gets just as much fun out of the weekly gatherings as ever.

Last season's "Native Son" winner, Bill Kirwan, has been out of action for quite a time, but at his first appearance after a spell he upset the appereant by taking a heat and swimming third in the final.

Peter Lindsay hasn't been swimming so well recently and that may account for his new cry of "Make way for the handballers."

The Club 40-yards championship will be held on Tuesday, 13th July, heats with the final on Thursday, 15th July. Bill Kendall holds the title at present.

### Results

1st June—80 yards Brace Relay Handicap: F. Daly and T. M. Wayland (55), 1; M. Fuller and G. Laforest (43), 2; F. Harvie and P. Williams (45), 3. Time: 53.3 secs.

8th June—40 yards Handicap: 1st Division Final—R. Harris (22), 1; A. McCamley (29), 2; W. Kirwan (27), 3. Time: 21.3 secs. 2nd Division Final—T. Barrell (25), 1; M. Fuller (21), 2; T. M. Wayland (25), 3. Time: 24.5 secs.

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# BOWLING NOTES



## Annual Meeting— and Victory over U.L.V.A.

At the Sixth Annual Meeting of Tattersalls Club Bowling Club, the following Office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year—John Hickey (Patron), Gordon H. Booth (President), E. G. Dewdney (Past President), Vice-Presidents J. K. Monro, C. L. Davis, L. J. Fingleton, W. A. McDonald, J. A. Roles, C. E. Young, W. H. Hole; Committee: E. A. Davis, K. F. Williams, H. Hill, C. Traversi; Hon. Secretary, A. R. Buckle; Hon. Treasurer, J. B. Saulwick; Hon. Publicity Officer, W. E. Black; Hon. Auditor, H. V. Quinton.

IT was very pleasing to see Ted Dewdney up, and about, and just as active as ever, after a series of accidents, and Ted re-assures us that this summer will see him taking his place on the green.

In the match Tattersalls Club vs. U.L.V.A., we were successful by a margin of 14 points. Detail scores are as follows:

Only one pairs "Knock-out" was played during the month of June, which resulted in a victory for the Tatts' pair—Black and Booth 21, over Marie and Norton (Warringah) 7.

On Wednesday, 16th June, twelve of Tatts' Bowlers journeyed to Manly Golf Club to take part in a friendly "Grudge" Match. The outstand-

Mitchell, Silk, Black and Peters (Tatts.)	24
Lett, Donaldson, Pendric, Jones (U.L.V.A.)	22
Dittford, Homer-Jones, Spencer, McDonald (Tatts)	19
Drill, P. O'Neill, Kerr, Smith (U.L.V.A.)	16
Buckle, Marshall, McKendrick, Ken Williams (Tatts.)	18
Sampson, Hennessy, Murphy, Bill O'Neill (U.L.V.A.)	17
Cook, Vockler, Ahearn, Turner (Tatts)	25
Williams, H. Pendrick, Davidson, W. Williams (U.L.V.A.)	12
Ball, Ranger, Relton, Booth (Tatts.)	12
Richardson, Martin, Joselyn, Jack O'Neill (U.L.V.A.)	17

### QUOTA FOR JULY

200 AUSTRALIAN CIGARETTES  
6 BOTTLES LOCAL BEER

ing performance exhibited by Joe Saulwick, "Swanny" Schwartz and Ken Williams, proved too much for their opponents and they ran out very comfortable winners.

It was voted a grand day by all present, and to Alec Buckle and John Monro, joint organisers, heartiest congratulations. The return match will be eagerly awaited.

With the throes of winter upon us, those not so hardy are making their trek north and the boys of the "White Beret Brigade" (thanks to Fred Vockler) will be sadly missed for the next three or four weeks.

Our Honorary Bowls Selector is to be commended on his long range vision in the selection of Skippers and the promotion of Alan Turner to that exalted position was the turning point in our victory against U.L.V.A. combined with the tenacity of "Skip" Sam Peters, who finished two up in the dark.

A silent admirer of our Selector is Jim Hackett who (knowing his pet joy is blue) came suitably garbed in undergarments that shade to a recent function.

We wonder what will happen to the buttons on Kenny Ranger's cardigan whilst he is away without his retriever.

Word is to hand, from the North that one of the hibernators in the person of Noel (The Nose) Hough, is showing rare form and will be a force to be reckoned with on his return.

Things seen in passing:  
The "Chief's" decorative beret. "Swanny's" new Club tie.  
Frank Kreiger's new Bowls (quite a good brand).  
Teddy Abbott's endurance test as a listener.  
Sartorial elegance of Arch Price.



# ***A Lifetime Built around Rugby***

**Wylie Breckenridge has gained much from Rugby and given much in return**

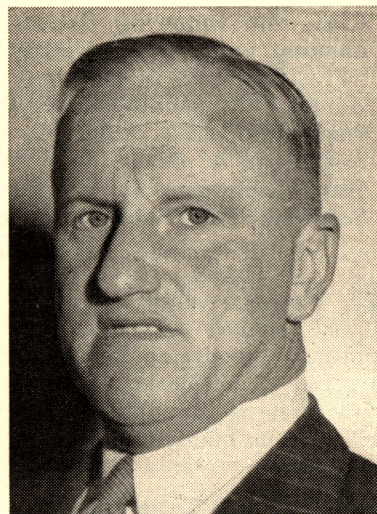
**Chance and choice sometimes give a man a strong thread through his life—a thread of purpose so strong that it emerges as a dominating pattern. With one man it is music, with another politics—or money, or the desire to teach, or the need to write. Whatever the force may be, this remains true; that the man who finds his forte early in life, and follows where it may lead him, is usually a happy man. And often he is also a successful one.**

**WYLIE** BRECKENRIDGE found Rugby early. Rugby Union gave him purpose and achievement—gave him fame and travel, led him to friends and wife. And, because he is the sort of man who pays his debts and honours the least obligation, Wylie has spent trouble and time to give back to Rugby football as much as he has taken out of it. Even while he was still in the ranks of players, he accepted the obligation of administration—and very successfully, too. While he was still in international class as a breakaway, he became honorary treasurer of N.S.W. Rugby Union and guided an almost bankrupt treasury to a credit balance of £7,000 in less than twenty years.

Fate certainly had a hand in his introduction to Union. As a boy at school at Drummoyne, he played Soccer and liked it. He was playing Soccer with the Drummoyne Rechabites around 1920, and also sailing a sixteen-

footer called The Rose at weekends. The Rose was quite a successful boat on the Harbour, winner of a State Championship Regatta, and an unlucky third in a Cape Hawk Cup at Forster. But the point of bringing the boat into this story is that one bright afternoon, Wylie's sheet hand made disparaging remarks about Soccer and told Wylie that, tall streak though he was, he wouldn't be able to play Union for peanuts.

Somewhat stung, Wylie Breckenridge decided to field with the Glebe-Balmain Juniors, and drifted into the position of wing-threequarter. But it was not long before he found that he had struck the code that seemed almost designed exactly for his talents. The following season, he had moved up to the second-grade seniors; and before the end of the season, playing in the new position of breakaway forward, Wylie was in Glebe-Balmain first grade. In



two seasons he had far outstripped the friend in his crew who had taunted him about Soccer—outstripped, too, most of the youngsters of his own age to reach a class of Rugby calling for hard playing, hard training and plenty of ability.

Glebe-Balmain (now Drummoyne) was a top team in the nineteen-twenties, and Wylie Breckenridge rapidly came to the top with them. He is still quoted as the model of the defensive breakaway—always in position, yet always using his full weight in the scrum. He rose to international status in 1925, when he represented



New South Wales against the visiting New Zealanders.

In the years from 1925 to 1930, Wylie represented for N.S.W. against Queensland, Victoria, New Zealand and Great Britain. He played for Australia against N.Z., missed the return tour of New Zealand because he was studying for his accountancy, but joined the highly successful Waratahs in their long 1927-28 tour of England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, France and Canada. The record of this famous team needs no repeating here. For Wylie, the tour had two particular and personal highlights—he met in Scotland the girl who was ultimately to become his wife; and he, with other members of the team, had a day's shoot at Sandringham with the King.

When Wylie sailed from England, he was engaged; two years later the girl he had met on the tour came out to Australia and they were married in 1930. He played his last game for Australia the same year, against England; but in the meantime he had been elected hon. treasurer of N.S.W. Rugby Union, an unusual honour for a playing member—rather a doubtful honour at the time, as the coffers were empty and the Depression just starting.

About the time he first became interested in Rugby, Wylie had joined the old-established firm of chartered accountants, Bowes and Craig, as office boy.

He duly passed his accountancy examinations year by year, greatly helped by one of the partners, Mr. Eric Mitchell, who had a particular sympathy for Union players, and arranged for his long leave during the tour of the Waratahs in 1927-28. Now that Wylie is senior partner of Bowes and Craig, he is giving the same sympathy to Keith Cross, who is a member of the firm—and in much the same way. And footballers are prepared to swear by Wylie's competence as an accountant without any knowledge of his professional standing—for he carried the difficult finances of the Union from less than nothing in 1929 to a healthy £7,000 credit balance in 1946.

In 1948, Wylie retired from the administration of N.S.W. Rugby Union and was honoured by being elected a life member.

In 1953, when Mr. Justice Herron relinquished the Chair, he was elected President. The same year, Wylie Breckenridge was appointed manager of the Waratah team to tour South Africa—a job calling for all his tact, savoir-faire and administrative ability. The popularity and successes of the Australian team in that country where Union is almost a religion, were due in large part to his efforts. It says a deal for his own diplomacy that he was able to gain acceptance by the South African body of the principal that they should support Australian Union with some part of the profits of future tours.

Wylie was able to review a highly successful year for Union when his term as president came to an end in March this year. Australian Union had sent teams to S.A., Fiji and Ceylon, and a Services team to N.Z. His re-election unopposed was almost a foregone conclusion. Now he is doing his best to make this season even better than last.

Although Union has been almost the love of his life, other sports have had their part. Athletics took some of his attention, and Wylie's 10.3 for the 100 yards is fast for a forward. After 1930, he played first-grade hardecourt tennis with Drummoyne. In later years he has had some success as a bowler and is currently president of the Warrawee Bowling Club. Members of Tattersall's know him as a man who is knowledgeable on many subjects and particularly on sports; and an occasional follower of Randwick form.

Wylie Breckenridge now has left Drummoyne and has a very pleasant home at Warrawee. In common with so many of the 1927 Waratahs, he has a family of charming daughters—the stuffed koala mascot of the team to be presented by common consent to the first son, watched no less than sixteen new arrivals to married Waratahs before Sid King's wife finally had a boy! Ultimately, of course, there will be grandsons in the Breckenridge family; and there will be little doubt of the code they will choose to play—undoubtedly it will be Rugby Union!



# Brown Horses

## *Brought Fame to Northwood Park*

**A drought led to the founding of Northwood Park, one of Australia's most famous stud farms, where now five stallions and scores of mares produce some of our greatest racehorses.**

**O**LD-TIMERS still speak with horror of the 1902 drought. Stock was starving and dying in thousands through Eastern Australia. It was like that at the Elmore property of Mr. Robert Hunter (grandfather of the Robert Hunter who runs Northwood Park to-day). Back in 1902, when Grandfather Hunter was driven out of his Elmore property by the drought, he set out by horse and buggy to look for some place that still had grass. He found it at Northwood Park on the banks of the Goulburn River, about 70 miles from Melbourne. Not that there was much grass in such a dry year, but Mr. Hunter saw big possibilities in this property of 1,200 acres. He bought it. Now extended to 2,200 acres, the property has become one of Australia's most outstanding thoroughbred studs.

It was the late Mr. A. G. Hunter, son of Grandfather Robert, who founded the stud farm. Trotting horses were his first love—an interest he had inherited from his father. He

owned Globe Derby and Admiral Wood, champions of the trotting tracks, and his interest in the sport went deeper than the ownership and breeding of trotters. He trained them and he drove them in races.

Globe Derby left his mark on the trotting world just as the thoroughbred sires of Northwood Park have stamped themselves on the Australian turf. He sired Robert Derby and New Derby, whose progeny were the leading trotters and pacers in Melbourne's first night-trotting season.

But in the minds of Australian racegoers the name Northwood Park is not linked with trotters, but with that mighty thoroughbred, Windbag, the twice

unwanted horse. As a yearling, Windbag was sold cheaply at the Sydney sales to a New Zealander who went cold on the deal. He and his friends had taken a second look at Windbag and didn't think they liked the look at him after all. The buyer asked the yearling's breeder to cancel the sale. Mr. Percy Miller agreed and passed the colt over to his brother, Robert, in whose colours he won nearly £36,000 in stakes!

Australia's greatest race, the Melbourne Cup, was among Windbag's wins. That was in 1925, a vintage year of racing in this country. Many great horses were seen in Sydney and Melbourne around that time. Two of the greatest, Windbag and Manfred, fought out a memorable finish in the Melbourne Cup. Manfred had been left half a furlong in the A.J.C. Derby at Randwick and had won. He had won the Victoria Derby three days before the Cup, but Windbag proved his master over the gruelling two miles of the Cup course.

Two great horses and two great riders—Jim Munro on Windbag and Frank Dempsey on Manfred—exerted every ounce of energy over the last

As this series dealing with the Studs of New South Wales has apparently proved popular, it has been decided to close it with a few of the leading studs of Victoria — studs that have almost as much importance in the Randwick scene as those of this State.





*The Hunter home at Northwood Stud, 70 miles from Melbourne, is solidly comfortable. There are several other houses for staff on the 2,200-acre property. (Photo., courtesy The Sun)*

furlong of that memorable race. Momentarily Manfred appeared the winner, but courageously Windbag fought back to hold him off.

At the end of his racing career, Windbag was retired to the Kia Ora Stud of his breeder, Mr. Percy Miller. But in the 1920's breeders were inclined to shun Australian-bred sires. Owners of mares regarded the abbreviation "imp." after a sire's name as the magic talisman which would open the door to success. So they patronised the imported stallions and once again Windbag was unwanted.

Percy Miller had been a contemporary of A. G. Hunter in the trotting world. They had been rivals as breeders and owners. but several years before the Windbag days Mr. Miller had switched to gallopers. In the

meantime he had vainly tried to persuade Mr. Hunter to make a similar change, but "A.G." had remained faithful to his first love, the trotters.

Now he was given a chance to buy Windbag and a few high-class mares at Kia Ora. He had always had the greatest admiration for Windbag, so he accepted the offer. Out went the trotters and in came Windbag.

Unwanted as a racehorse at the start of his career, Windbag won a fortune in prize money. Unwanted as a sire, he sired the winners of nearly £200,000 in stakes. And after his death his sorrowful owner spoke this epitaph: "Windbag was the best-tempered horse I have ever seen. He ruined you for any other horse. Never in his life did he do a wrong thing. Never in his life was he sick until the day he

died. Even then he gave no trouble. He just ate his mid-day feed and then laid down and died."

Windbag was a brown horse, so perhaps that accounts for the favourite colour at Northwood Park. The late A. G. Hunter didn't admit this; he always used to say that he "just had a fancy for brown horses."

Some of the browns at Northwood Park have been Ethiopian, Simeon's Fort, Curialis, Liberal, Hellespont, Kinderscout, and Royal Comet. But other colours now mingle with the browns. Audentes, imported from England, is a deep bay. Neapolitan is a chestnut. Neapolitan is by the unbeaten Italian horse Nearco, from a mare by the great Hyperion. Audentes, by a French horse, has a straight sire line of St. Simon, and he won up to two miles in England. At Northwood Park he is affectionately known as "Jimmy."

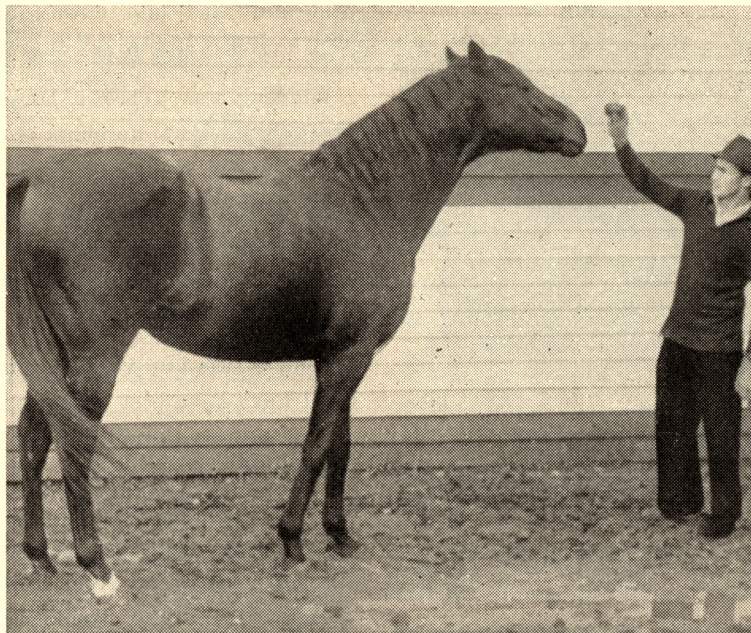
Audentes has sired winners to the tune of £25,450; Neapolitan's progeny have won £28,270 so far. Among the browns, Hellespont sired winners of £193,000; and Kinderscout's progeny won a total of £181,000.

Kinderscout was thought to be solely a sire of sprinters, but Kingscote (one of his progeny) confounded the breeding theorists by winning the Perth Cup, a two-miler.

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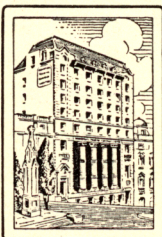
*Brown Stallion Hellespont (Pharos-Hesione) is now almost "retired" at Northwood. To date, his progeny have won nearly £200,000.*

(Photo., courtesy The Sun)

In the 1930's the going was often tough for breeders of thoroughbreds. Prices were low, and thousand-guinea yearlings were few and far between. St. Fairy was sold as a yearling for 90 guineas. Yet, later, St. Fairy's brother, also from Northwood Park, realised 3,600 guineas.

Another unwanted, who developed into a high-class performer was that good mare, Ena. When she was sold as a yearling, the buyer changed his mind and asked "A.G." to take her back. Later on, a daughter of the unwanted Ena brought 2,300 guineas for Mr. Hunter at the Melbourne yearling sales.

It is "A.G.'s" son, Robert Hunter, who now runs the stud, carrying on the family's traditional love of the thoroughbred. And there are some notable horses at Northwood Park today. Palm Vista, in his first season, has sired Queen's Vista, winner at Flemington and Caulfield, and the fastest two-year-old filly in Melbourne this season. Allister, winner of the A.J.C. and Victorian Derbies in 1950, is another who should add to Northwood Park's already lengthy string of successes.



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### SECOND ROUND:

Ralph Hutchinson	(Rec. 60)	beat	E. F. Milverton	(Rec. 40)	by	26
F. Vockler, Snr.	(Rec. 20)	"	W. Longworth	(Scratch)	"	32
J. Shaw	(Rec. 52)	"	A. H. Stocks	(Rec. 57)	"	50
Harold Hill	(Rec. 43)	"	P. N. Roach	(Rec. 55)	"	19
W. E. Tinkler	(Rec. 37)	"	G. Chiene	(Rec. 60)	"	14
E. Lyons	(Rec. 45)	"	E. W. Abbott	(Rec. 55)	"	24
F. J. Alderman	(Rec. 40)	"	H. J. Robertson	(Rec. 7)	"	forfeit
B. F. Partridge	(Rec. 50)	"	E. J. Baulman	(Rec. 45)	"	40
B. M. Lane	(Rec. 30)	"	L. Tasker	(Rec. 50)	"	39
A. J. Howarth	(Rec. 35)	"	J. L. Monaro	(Rec. 50)	"	8
Senator J. Armstrong	(Rec. 55)	"	E. E. Davis	(Rec. 52)	"	5
G. J. Mousally	(Rec. 15)	"	Jack Davis	(Rec. 52)	"	26
J. Pick	(Rec. 37)	"	I. E. Stanford	(Rec. 45)	"	9
A. M. Watson	(Rec. 30)	"	J. R. L. Palfreyman	(Rec. 50)	"	9
T. E. Sweet	(Rec. 55)	"	W. Aitkenhead	(Rec. 40)	"	42
C. Scarf	(Rec. 60)	"	G. Webster	(Rec. 50)	"	28
K. F. E. Fidden	(Rec. 35)	"	J. S. Moore	(Rec. 50)	"	41
W. E. Askew	(Rec. 45)	"	R. H. Alderson	(Rec. 45)	"	20
J. W. Rogan	(Rec. 40)	"	R. J. A. Gray	(Rec. 50)	"	10
T. M. McGrath	(Rec. 55)	"	T. Leach	(Rec. 52)	"	16
G. Fienberg	(Rec. 30)	"	Judge Holden	(Rec. 55)	"	21
B. M. Lane	(Rec. 30)	"	E. H. Booth	(Rec. 45)	"	17
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A. V. Miller	(Rec. 32)	"	C. H. Oswald-Sealey	(Rec. 40)	"	45
F. J. Alderman	(Rec. 40)	"	J. D. Hickey	(Rec. 50)	"	57
Dr. B. Williams	(Rec. 50)	"	J. C. Rhind	(Rec. 40)	"	34
R. Rattray	(Rec. 45)	"	E. A. Davis	(Rec. 30)	"	9
J. H. Peoples	(Rec. 33)	"	H. Hill	(Rec. 43)	"	31
H. H. Robinson	(Rec. 50)	"	C. M. McCallum	(Rec. 37)	"	6

## GRAND BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT

### SECOND ROUND:

F. Vockler	(Scratch)	beat	H. J. Robertson	(Owes 60)	by	forfeit
V. L. Kirby	(Rec. 95)	"	Jack Davis	(Rec. 125)	"	46
Judge Holden	(Rec. 125)	"	J. W. Rogan	(Rec. 110)	"	6
J. A. Roles	(Rec. 105)	"	C. M. McCallum	(Rec. 80)	"	60
G. R. Bryden	(Rec. 80)	"	G. Fienberg	(Rec. 40)	"	36
A. J. Chown	(Rec. 30)	"	J. H. Peoples	(Rec. 110)	"	25
F. Vockler, Snr.	(Scratch)	"	W. Longworth	(Owes 100)	"	120
F. E. Headlam	(Rec. 55)	"	Dr. B. Williams	(Rec. 115)	"	47
H. Hill	(Rec. 90)	"	G. J. M. Watson	(Rec. 75)	"	forfeit
R. H. Alderson	(Rec. 75)	"	J. L. Pick	(Rec. 95)	"	10



# ***A Fine Year for the Irish Horses***

**During 1953 Ireland provided: Leading two-year-old colt in Europe—The Pie King; leading two-year-old filly in Europe—Sixpence; leading three-year-old filly in England—Happy Laughter; winner of the English 2,000 Guineas—Nearula; leading two-year-old in America—Turn-To; top-priced yearling colt in Europe—Fair Trial-Respite; top-priced yearling filly in Europe—Royal Charger—Journey's End; top-priced yearling at Saratoga—Bois Roussel-Bibibeg.**

**T**HE year was one of the best ever for the Irish Horse in England, America and other export markets. Indeed, when the official "Irish Horse" returns are published, it is very possible that 1953 will be seen to have been the best year ever for prize money won by Irish-bred horses. There was no peak point, like winning the Derby and St. Leger with another such as Tulyar, but there was a steady record of almost every valuable handicap in England being won by an Irish bred.

The successes began in winter, before the flat season began, when trainer Vincent O'Brien won the Cheltenham Gold Cup, the Blue Riband of steeplechasing, with Mrs. M. H. Keogh's Knock Hard. This is the fourth time that O'Brien, who trains in Co. Tipperary, has won the Gold Cup—a remarkable feat made more remarkable by the fact that these four wins were gained out of five attempts. A month later O'Brien brought over Mr. J. H. Griffin's Early Mist to run in the Liverpool Grand National—the

world's toughest steeplechase. Early Mist won it by a convincing twenty lengths.

The first Classics of the English season are the 2,000 Guineas for three year olds and the 1,000 Guineas for three-year-old fillies; each race is run over the same mile course at Newmarket. Both of these Classics were won by Irish bred—the 2,000 Guineas by Nearula and the 1,000 Guineas by Happy Laughter. Though these horses are Irish-bred it is a remarkable fact that their sires, Nasrullah and Royal Charger are now both standing in America. Irish breeders are divided on this subject; some maintain that we should not sell proved sires but only their produce, others that we should sell as many horses as possible in the belief that we can always breed others equally as good.

At Royal Ascot in June The Pie King came on the scene. This Prendergast-trained two-year-old had won a race at Leopardstown, Dublin, but the ease with which he won Ascot's Coventry Stakes against the

top-ranking English two-year-olds gained him immediate headlines. He next ran in and won a race at Goodwood and did not run again until he won the Gimcrack Stakes at York to emerge undisputed two-year-old champion.

Nearula and Happy Laughter each won again at Royal Ascot, as did several other Irish-breds, one of which was Jupiter which was to win one of the big "back-end" handicaps. These back-end handicaps are the Cesarewitch, run at Newmarket in the middle of October, the Cambridgeshire, run at Newmarket at the end of October, and the Manchester November Handicap, which signals the end of the flat racing year. In 1953 each of these races was won by an Irish horse. Chantry won the Cesarewitch, Jupiter the Cambridgeshire (in which the first three horses were all Irish-bred) and Torch Singer the Manchester November Handicap.

In the United States, also, Irish horses had a great season. Highlights were the wins of Royal Serenade, which won 50,000 dollars in the American Handicap and 100,000 dollars in the Hollywood Gold Cup, Turn-To's winning of the Garden States Futurity Stakes, which was worth over a quarter of a million dollars and the win of Olympic in the Trenton Handicap worth almost 50,000 dollars.



# Gambling Epics

Just what is the fascination that makes racing the greatest game of all, the "Sport of Kings"? Is it the thunder of galloping hooves, the roar of the crowd on the rails, the breath-taking excitement of a short-head finish? Something of all these, no doubt, but there is something else, the greatest thrill in racing is the opportunity it affords to flirt with Fortune.

**N**ATURALLY, then, the rich history of the Turf is thickly sprinkled with the names of those who have shot into fame by reason of the size, daring and ingenuity of their gambles. Some have won spectacularly; some have lost tragically. But all have "taken their lives in their hands," and a man who does that always commands the interest and attention of his fellows.

There is no doubt that the nineteenth century was the heyday of the spectacular gamble. More money in the aggregate probably changes hands nowadays, for then a flutter was the prerogative of bucks and beaux, and how they plunged! But not all recklessly, not all foolishly. Probably the coolest and greatest gambler in the Turf's long history was William Edmund ("Leviathan") Davis. This man operated as a layer and nothing was too large for him.

Born in poor circumstances near King's Cross, England, in 1819, he started operations by running a half-crown book in the neighbourhood. And very quickly his business grew by leaps and bounds. In a few years whispers of his first mammoth gamble were flying round.

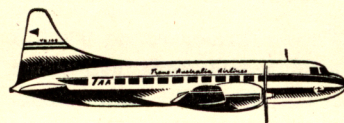
Davis had laid £12,000 to £1,000 against the Cur winning the Cesarewitch, had lost and had paid cash in full the next day without a quiver. That was sensational enough, but it was chicken-feed to what was to follow. An even bet of £30,000 was soon commonplace to him. He is said to have won £15,000 at one Newmarket meeting alone and for season after season he finished a heavy and consistent winner.

Not that he didn't have his setbacks. The Derby was an unlucky race for "Leviathan." The Epsom victories of Teddington, Daniel O'Rourke and West Australian in 1851-2-3 cost him in the aggregate just over a quarters of a million pounds!

He admitted paying out £100,000 over Teddington alone and a single plunger was known to have won £50,000 on Daniel O'Rourke. It says a good deal for the stability of Davis that he was able to weather such shocks and to prosper on balance. Prosper he did, however. He died a very rich man. Among his bequests was £60,000 to Brighton Corporation for the purchase of a public recreation ground. That is how Brighton

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ton comes to have Preston Park.

Davis would have had some great battles of wits with Colonel Harry Mellish, the "Prince of Plungers," who was at the height of his extraordinary career just about the time "Leviathan" was born. To this man, immensely rich, socially prominent, friend of Royalty, gambling was the breath of life. He "never opened his mouth in a betting ring under £500," and won and lost fortunes with equal calm.

To Colonel Mellish is given the credit, or discredit, of incurring the biggest single loss in the history of racing. His horse, Sancho, St. Leger winner in 1804, had been matched against the Duke of Cleveland's Pavilion at Newmarket and had been beaten. Mellish was dissatisfied and demanded a return match, which was duly won by Sancho. This time the Duke was upset and asked for a third and deciding match between the two horses. Mellish readily agreed and the encounter was arranged for the comparatively modest sum of £3,000 a side. The side betting, however, was enormous. Everybody who was anybody flocked to Lewes to see the race and wagering was very heavy.

Pavilion was made favourite at 6-4 on, rumours being rife that Sancho had hurt a leg in training. Mellish would have none of it, however, and covered every bet that was offered to him. Unluckily for him, he was refusing to allow himself to believe what his better judgment should have told him was the truth. Sancho had indeed hurt a leg in training. His connections were full of hope

that it would "stand up," and it seemed they were justified when, in the last mile, Sancho challenged, drew well ahead and looked to have the race safe. But inside the distance the leg went. Pavilion swept past his dead-lame adversary to win easily. Before that race started Mellish had a fortune of a million pounds. When he had finished paying out, half that huge sum was gone!

Stories of Mellish's huge gambles are legion. On one occasion, he was leaving Brook's Club, having won £97,000 at cards. He was persuaded by the Duke of Sussex to return and continue play. This resulted in his losing £100,000 that same evening. On another occasion he staked £40,000 on a single throw of the dice and lost.

Whatever one may think of the judgment and prudence of Colonel Harry Mellish, one has to admit that he had nerve. It is hardly surprising, considering the pace at which he lived, that he died at the early age of thirty-seven.

Another outstanding figure of the Victorian Turf was John Gully — butcher's boy, prize-fighter, gambler, owner of Derby winner, and Speaker of the House of Commons! This man won the Heavyweight Championship of England and thereafter went into business as a publi-

can. A shrewd observer, he noted that the upper classes of the day seemed to be in command of unlimited money to spend on gambling, so he set up as a bookmaker.

Lord Glasgow was quoted as saying that "a man with a rent-roll of £150,000 a year can never be unlucky." Neither can his bookmaker, Gully found. Profits piled up, in spite of serious setbacks. The Turf at that time was riddled with corruption and Gully was "taken in" very badly on more than one occasion.

In 1827 he found himself in a position to pay £4,000 for a very good horse called Mameluke, the Derby winner of the year. He secured odds of £10,000 to £1,000 that Mameluke would beat ten named horses in the St. Leger and another bet on similar terms that he would beat nine of them. Unfortunately the bets were placed with one Crockford, perhaps the most notorious crook the Turf can show and "monkey business" resulted. Mameluke, obviously by arrangement, was pushed and barged by a mob of horses at the starting post, until the wretched animal was in a lather and thoroughly upset. The starter of this race was subsequently warned off. However, the damage was done. Mameluke was left seventy yards behind

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the post and the winner of the race, Matilda, was unfortunately in both Gully's lists of horses Mameluke was backed to beat.

The owner of Matilda, the Hon. Edward Petre, was wholly ignorant of the plot, and luckily won £15,000. Gully's losses were at least three times that.

This was not the first time that Gully had been caught over the St. Leger. In 1824 a rumour had come to his ears that the favourite, Jerry, was to be "nobbled." Accordingly he had no hesitation in laying against Jerry and recommending his friends to back Brutandorf, the second best animal. But, unluckily for Gully, the rumour had also come to Mr. Gascoigne, Jerry's owner, and at the last moment before the race he changed the jockey, removing the one who had been "got at." The result was that Jerry won, and Gully and his friends, including young "Plunger" Payne, who had just come into a fortune of £17,000 a year, plus £300,000 capital, lost ruinously.

However on balance Gully prospered. He won the Derby twice, with Pyrrhus I, and Andover, and accumulated a huge fortune. His career in parliament started as a bet, too! And like all his other activities, it went well, until he became a respected pillar of the State. A man of strange and varied talents, John Gully, who never let the gambling instinct he undoubtedly possessed get the better of his native shrewdness.

You may have heard, too, of the biggest fraudulent gamble of all times, when a crooked trainer named Levi actually succeeded in running a six-year-old, Running Rein, in the Derby of 1844. Leander fell during the race and had to be destroyed, but Running Rein won! This

incredible piece of effrontery nearly succeeded, but an information was lodged with the Jockey Club and the stakes were withheld.

Mr. Wood, the owner of Running Rein, who was ignorant of his trainer's plot and thought the animal was really a three-year-old, was then induced to sue for the money. But when the Court demanded that Running Rein be produced for examination the horse was not to be found. It had been spirited away in the night. Many and gruesome stories are current of what happened to the unfortunate animal, but he was never seen again.

Coming a little nearer to the present day, there was the great "American Invasion" of the 'nineties! The famous jockey, Tod Sloan, came across to ride in England and was accompanied or followed by a coterie of plungers who were determined to "cleanup" on his mounts.

The chief of them was "Betch-a-Million" Gates, a Westerner who had made a fortune out of barbed wire and was thus free to indulge his passion for horse-racing. The bookmakers in America were all afraid of him. Once, when he offered to bet £50,000 to £25,000 on the favourite of a race at Sheephead Bay, near New York, no one would take him. The laugh was with him, however, when the favourite finished nowhere. The "ring" had let £50,000 slip though its fingers and go begging. On a single Steward's Cup at Goodwood Gates won £100,000, and when he finally returned to the States, he took a lot of money with him.

Not all the American invaders were so fortunate. One of

them, Riley Grannan, had a chequered experience. One vast coup came his way when he had £16,000 on Democrat when that horse beat Diamond Jubilee in the Middle Park Plate. But that was counter-balanced by a disastrous day at Newmarket. He had £13,000 on one of Sloan's mounts, which was beaten by the shortest of heads. Riley was convinced that the judge had erred and sought to drown his sorrows in the bar. Two magnums of champagne disappeared in double quick time and then, revitalised, he rushed back to the fray. £20,000 was planked on Tod's next mount. It finished "down the course." Back to the bar went the hapless punter and drown his sorrows some more. Then out again, and another £27,000 "on the nose." And, alas, still another loser.

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# SUMMARY OF SPORTS TOPICS

## BOWLS

**T**HE Australian bowls team for this year's Empire Games in Vancouver will have plenty of match practice in Canada before the Games start.

This will enable the team to get used to the slower Canadian greens.

The Australian team of seven will arrive in Vancouver on July 14.

The Games will start on July 30 and continue until August 7.

Manager Fred Winn has entered the team in the British Columbia bowls carnival on July 18-24.

This carnival is open not only to all contestants from the British Empire, but also to lawn bowlers in the United States.

There has been a record entry in this year's bowls section of the Games.

Ten countries, England, Wales, North Ireland, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, Canada, Scotland and Hongkong have entered teams.

As competitors from each country have to play against each other, they will be playing morning and afternoon for five days.

Winner of the singles will earn the title "Champion of the British Empire."

Present holder of the title, J. Perret, of New Zealand, is once again representing that country.

## GOLF

**R**OYAL BIRKDALE, the course for this year's British Open championship, is regarded as the finest test of golf in England.

One of several fine links constructed in sandhills left by the receding sea on the coast north of Liverpool, Royal Birkdale is just outside Southport, a seaside town virtually surrounded by golf courses.

King George VI granted the title Royal in 1951.

Laid out in two loops of nine holes, the championship course is stretched to 6,844 yards, with 74 as the scratch score. It is well bunkered, and the rough abounds with willow scrub, but it is the sandhills which makes Royal Birkdale such a formidable proposition.

Dai Rees, well known to Australian golfers, says most of the holes are between sandhills, from which often run spurs. "It is a course that demands a good driver," says Rees, "and I don't mean a long driver. You have to be dead accurate with your tee shots.

"Birkdale is a course that helps a player like Norman von Nida, who should do well this year."

British golfers respect the tense little Australian's great skill in placing his shots from the tee, as well as his accuracy on the greens. They regard him as one of the strongest "foreign" challengers this year.

But the leader of the Australian challenge—stronger at Royal Birkdale than for many years—is expected to be Peter Thomson, runner-up for the past two years. The young Victorian is one of the early favourites this year.

In 1952 he was runner-up to Bobby Locke on the Royal Lytham course a few miles north of Birkdale, across the Ribble estuary. Last year he tied with Dai Rees, Frank Stranahan, the American amateur, and Cerda, the little Argentinian, four strokes behind Ben Hogan.

Australia will have a close interest in the 1954 Open, for apart from von Nida and Thomson, there will be young Len Woodward and veteran Alf Toogood among the professionals, and a large team of amateurs hoping to qualify.

A line on their chances has been given by Peter Toogood. The Tasmanian youngster paced it with the top professionals for the first two rounds of the Spalding tournament at Moor Park, and with more practice on English courses and warmer weather could easily gain the limelight at Birkdale.

Peter Heard, Harry Berwick, Doug Bachli and the others have had some intensive golf since they began their campaign in the Amateur Championship at Muirfield in May. If they can adapt their games to the different conditions, as Toogood has done, half-dozen or more Australians could easily be in the 100 to qualify at Birkdale on July 6.

A maximum of 100 can qualify for the four rounds of the championship proper and on the Thursday evening the field is reduced to a maximum of 50 for the final two rounds on July 9.

This is the richest British Open ever, with total prizemoney of



£3,500 sterling. First prize has risen £250 to £750, with the runner-up on £500. Third gets £350, fourth £200, fifth £150 and sixth £100. Both seventh and eighth take £75 and ninth place gets £50. There are 15 £30 prizes and 25 of £25, as well as special £25 awards for the player with the lowest score in each of the four rounds, and for the man with the lowest qualifying aggregate.

The increase in cash is designed to draw more front-rank American professionals across the Atlantic. Ben Hogan came last year to take the crown in Coronation year. He won't be defending his title, but the U.S. team is strong again.

With no Hogan to dominate the tournament this year, there is speculation whether Bobby Locke can equal James Braid's record of winning the Open four times in six years. The portly South African was runner-up to Sammy Snead in 1946, won the title in 1949 and 1950, and again in 1952.

## ATHLETICS

**T**HE small group of officials, clustered at the finishing tape at North Hobart Oval watched tensely as the 6 ft. tall, sparsely-built, 19-year-old athlete sped at a fast clip around the 440 yd. track, striding easily and in faultless style—as though they were not there—over the first seven hurdles.

The officials had seen the youth run only four times previously in a 440 yd. hurdle event, and in each race he had teetered badly before every hurdle.

Yet, because of his great speed between the jumps and because

of his amazing stamina he had won those races.

There was a groan from the watchers as the runner knocked down the eighth hurdle and clipped the remaining two.

The officials crowded around the timekeepers as the young athlete flashed over the last few yards and broke the tape.

Yes, an Australian record, despite those last three faulty jumps—52.5 sec. for 440 yard hurdles! By accepted standards this equalled 52.2 sec. for 400 metres and in the past 12 months only six men in the world had run better time.

Two of those men are Russians, Litujev, holder of the world record, 50.4 sec., and Yulin, 50.9 sec. The third fastest, Culbreath (U.S.A.), with 51.3 sec., is only .9 sec. up on the young Tasmanian.

And the young Tasmanian who had the officials goggling at the watches that afternoon of March 1 last?

He is David Francis Lean, since chosen among the first eight to represent Australia at the Empire Games at Vancouver in July and August.

No wonder the officials goggled. Only 16 days earlier Lean had never competed in a hurdle race other than as a schoolboy over 3 ft. 3 in. battens.

## RUGBY LEAGUE

**C**ARDIFF'S "Tiger Bay," that tough, colourful, often murky area down by the wharves, is one of the crossroads of the world. Along its narrow streets, particularly Bute Street, runs side alleys.

From little pubs and smaller chapels fervent Welsh voices are raised in glorious song—and sometimes in frightening brawls where quick footwork learned on a Rugby field is needed to foil the knives of foreign seamen.

It was down in this area, where children of all races grow up together with few colour bars and few prejudices that five years ago, in a wave of enthusiasm for Rugby Union football, left behind by that inspiring Welsh victory over the Australian Wallabies on Cardiff Arms Park, that Billy Boston's career was born.

A group of lads from the docks area, most of them, like Boston, coloured, formed their own Rugby Union team. They called themselves the Cardiff Internat-

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# Looking Back on Tattersall's Club



July, 1933

THE Club of July, 1933, was in the throes of alterations, and builders' labourers, carpenters, plasterers were familiar figures to members. The fourth floor was being extensively remodelled; the dining room, then situated where the coffee-lounge and bar are now, was too small for the needs of the growing membership and the remainder of the floor was being fitted to make the "new" dining-room. It was a wise move by a wise executive—building prices were as low as they have ever been, yet prospects for increased patronage to justify the extensions were bright, with prosperity "just around the corner."

NINETEEN thirty-three was a time of Balls—perhaps they made the Club something more of a social centre in those just-after-the-depression days, than we do now. The Golf Club Annual Ball was down for the 22nd July—and a very fine time was had by all, according to the scribe of the day. Swimming Club Ball was due in August, the Club's own Annual Ball in September. Apart from these formal functions, there was a number of concerts and "smoko's". The billiards and snooker tournaments were in full swing, so were the games of the inter-club competitions.

In the inter-club competition, we were leading with Masonic,

tied at 21 points each; with City Tattersalls a point away third. In July, 1933, we were guests of Masonic, but beat them by three events out of four.

*THE Magazine of July, 1933, was pleased to announce that, following the reciprocal arrangements made between ourselves and the Los Angeles Athletic Club, similar arrangements had been completed with the New York Athletic.*

THE Golf Club was going great guns in June, the outing at Avondale drew a big crowd, with T. M. Fitzsimmons taking the trophy with 2-up. July play was at Oatlands, and popular hon. secretary of the Golf Club turned in the winning card, a net 65. The Club Championship was listed for August at Manly.

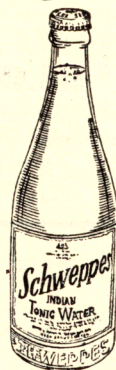
JULY, 1933, saw the end of another swimming season. Dr. Clough, who had been in the lead nearly all season, left for England just before the final two races, and C. Godhard and Sam Block battled for the honours once he was out of the way. Godhard just managed a second in the last race of the year, to take the Dewar Trophy. It was a memorable year.

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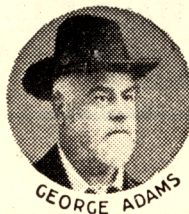
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Sydney Turf Club .... Wed. 28  
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) .... Sat. 31

### AUGUST

\*Australian Jockey Club .... Mon. 2  
\*(Bank Holiday Meeting)  
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 7  
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 14  
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) .... Sat. 21  
Sydney Turf Club .... Wed. 25  
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) .... Sat. 28

### SEPTEMBER

Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 4  
Tattersall's Club (Randwick) .... Sat. 11  
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) .... Sat. 18  
Sydney Turf Club .... Wed. 22  
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) .... Sat. 25

### OCTOBER

\*Australian Jockey Club .... Sat. 2  
\*Australian Jockey Club .... Mon. 4  
\*Australian Jockey Club .... Wed. 6  
\*Australian Jockey Club .... Sat. 9  
\*(Spring Meeting)  
Sydney Turf Club .... Wed. 13  
City Tattersall's (Randwick) .... Sat. 16  
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 23  
Australian Jockey Club .... Sat. 30

### NOVEMBER

Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 6  
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) .... Sat. 13  
Sydney Turf Club .... Wed. 17  
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) .... Sat. 20  
Australian Jockey Club .... Sat. 27

### DECEMBER

Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) .... Sat. 4  
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) .... Sat. 11  
\*Australian Jockey Club .... Sat. 18  
Sydney Turf Club .... Wed. 22  
\*Australian Jockey Club .... Mon. 27  
\*(Summer Meeting)



## SWIMMING NOTES

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15th June—80 Yards Brace Relay Handicap: F. Daly and C. Godhard (57), 1; T. Barrell and K. Francis (47), 2; S. Murray and C. Hoole (49), 3. Time: 55 secs.

### May-June Point Score

This series resulted: T. Barrell, 26½, 1; R. Harris, 23½, 2; A. McCamley, 21, 3; J. O. Dexter, 20, 4; H. E. Davis, 19½, 5; T. M. Wayland and M. Fuller, 19, 6; A. D. Clifford, C. Godhard, L. Trafford and G. Laforest, 18, 8; G. Eastment, 17, 12; H. Herman, 16, 13; S. Murray, 14, 14; C. Hoole and J. N. Creer, 13½, 15.

### "Native Son" Point Score

With three races to complete the season, the leaders in this series, for all points scored during the season, are: J. O. Dexter and R. Harris, 169; A. McCamley 150½, T. Barrell 147, H. Herman 146½, C. Godhard 140, S. Murray 137½, F. Harvie 135, P. Lindsay 12½, G. Laforest 128, M. Fuller 103½, H. E. Davis, 101½, W. Williams 100½, C. Hoole, 97, N. Barrell 94½, K. Francis 86, J. N. Creer 84½, B. Chiene 83½, A. Stewart 83, T. M. Wayland 77½, P. Williams 73, F. Daly 70, V. Thicknesse 69½, R. Corrick 67, W. Kirwan 66½, J. Shaffran 62, L. Lorking 57½, G. Boulton 53½, G. Eastment 50, L. Trafford 47.

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## SPORTS TOPICS — from page 19

ionals and proceeded to make the name stick.

On the right wing was 15-year-old Billy Boston. For two years the Internationals were unbeaten and their fame spread. Even in their first year a representative of the Hunslet Rugby League Club, Yorkshire (home club of England's Captain Dickie Williams), went to South Wales to see Boston, whose speed and adroit footwork on the wing were responsible for so many of his team's tries.

After the match the Hunslet man made Boston an offer, but Billy told him he did not want to leave Cardiff and didn't want to turn professional then, or later.

That was the first of a score of offers from Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cumberland Rugby League clubs. Billy turned them all down, until one afternoon less than a year ago when he was playing for the Royal Signal Corps against the Welsh Guards in an Army Rugby Union Cup final.

Boston had scored six tries of his team's 35 points and a Wigan scout caught him at the right moment for signing.

Late in November last year, Boston played for Wigan against Barrow and the Lancashire club knew it had a bargain for the £1,500 sterling signing-on fee it had given for the coloured boy.

Boston not only had speed, but had grown into a 13½ st. elusive winger, who went with all his weight and pace once he got the ball. Because he is doing his national service in the army, Boston has played much

more Union with the army than League as a professional for Wigan.

In his dozen games with Wigan he has scored 17 tries and one for Great Britain, against France on April 27. But with the Royal Signals and representative army teams he has scored 100 tries.

Although he won't be 20 until August 6, Boston has scored 400 tries since he was 15.

Standing 5 ft. 11 in., this brown-eyed youngster with the short-cropped, black curly hair is well-spoken and keen to do well in Australia.

Boston thinks League can be a better game than Union, especially in open football, providing teams are willing to play it that way, but he doesn't like the play-the-ball rule.

"It wouldn't be any good trying the Union rule, or letting the ball go loose," he added, "with men playing for money there'd be too many injuries. But I think the dummy-half should be forced by a rule to get rid of the ball, not tuck it under an arm and barge bull-headed. That's what spoils Rugby League."

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